

INDIANA
CHAMPION HISTORY
REUNIONS
1970-2003



INTRODUCTION

It is with considerable satisfaction that I take this opportunity to introduce my recorded history of the Champion reunions from 1970 to 2003. I have finally completed this following thirty-two years of jotting it down.

I prepared this booklet mainly convinced that no one else was going to do so and because I was interested in the meetings of my people.

This work was to record a note of history that we are all a part of while we are still here.

This book is dedicated in commemoration of those who left us for a better place in eternity.

The time has come after thirty-two years of Champion reunions for documentation of the events and to enlighten these past years as to what has transpired over the years.

In the beginning we hardly knew each other. My research in the past revealed that the family never came together going back to the 1800's until 1970. This was due to transportation problems and family members moving so far away. There were very few cars to be had and the roads were dirt and gravel. For example – second generations of Indiana Champions, Willie Champion moved to California; Allen Champion to Greenwood, Indiana; the rest of Sam Champion's family moved away except our grandfather, William P. Champion, our great uncle, Chester C. Champion and our great aunt, Jane Champion. According to Aunt Maud, everybody would come together at William P. Champion's farm which was located three miles north of Crawsfordville, Indiana on the north side of Sugar Creek.

It wasn't until 1945 when grandmother Iola Champion (Layton) passed on and some of the family came together at Pontomac, Illinois. These were from the Claude's, Paul's and Maud's families. In 1951 Claude passed on and again members of Paul's, Claude's and Maud's families came together at Danville, Illinois for the funeral.

In 1970 on the second Sunday of September some of us decided to start an annual family reunion. Bob and Tom Champion talked about it over the telephone and it was decided to meet at Turkey Run State Park. Bob and Tom Champion's families camped the day before that Sunday.

To this year we have not broken ranks. Thirty-two years have passed by and we have seen a new generation emerge. It will be up to them to keep the reunion going in perpetuity.

I graciously dedicate this booklet to those who have passed on during these past thirty-two years. It is my profound wishes that this booklet will remain a history of memories of our beloved Champion family.

As we all know history is an ongoing event. What we have done in the past and what lies ahead for our future generations to jot it down for those who will be taking our place.

Tom E. Champion
Champion Historian - 2003



TIME TAKES ITS TOLL

Those who left us for their final resting place.
The Terre Haute, Indiana families.

JEROME "JERRY" LENTZ – MAY, 1977 – 57 YEARS OLD.

Married to Esther Champion. He was a good husband and a great father to his four children.

He achieved many accomplishments in his engineering career. His last work was helping design the space craft that landed on the moon. His part was designing the legs and landing pads.

In my early years he would help me with all my problems. I always looked up to him for his expertise.

Jerry always enjoyed the Champion reunions.

ELAINE NEAL CHAMPION – 1984 – 83 YEARS OLD

Married to Claude C. Champion. She gave birth to nine children. They all turned out with good accomplishments.

She enjoyed playing the piano for seventy-three years. The people on the street in the summer would come out on their porches to hear her play.

Elaine always enjoyed the Champion reunions and couldn't wait for the next one to happen.

HENRY "JAY" MORRIS – 1994 - 69 YEARS OLD

Married to Ruth E. Champion. He was a good husband a good father to his children.

He loved fishing and all sports. He helped his wife in any way he could.

Jay enjoyed the reunions and would be involved in all the sporting events at the meetings.

WILLIAM NEAL CHAMPION – SEPTEMBER 28, 2001 – 80 YEARS OLD

Married to Barbara Rowe. His family lived in Florida for thirty-five years. He and his wife raised four children and all have done well in their lives.

Colonel Champion spent the greater part of his life with the United States Air Force. He was a fighter plane pilot in World War II and received many decorations for his services. He flew in battle engagements flying out of England to Europe. He crashed in the Battle of the Bulge.

Bill was looking forward to attending his first reunion but it was cut short by his untimely death. His hopes and dreams vanished with him.

TIME TAKES ITS TOLL

Those who left us for their final resting place.
The Elwood, Indiana families.

MARY CHAMPION WHITENACK – JUNE 3, 1988 – 59 YEARS OLD

FREDRICK WHITENACK – MAY 28 – 1988 – 59 YEARS OLD

This couple thought it a great happening getting the Champion reunion together and they made fourteen reunions up to their untimely death.

Mary was always serious with her conversations. She was fun to be with.

Fred enjoyed the Champions and was full of laughter all the time. He liked to hear my tall tales and my joking. These two people were great to be with and we always looked forward to seeing them.

CLARA CHAMPION – 1990 – 89 YEARS OLD

Married to Paul V. Champion. She was the mother of six children and all of them have done very well. They all have families of their own.

Clara enjoyed the Champion reunions and her daughter, Mary, saw to it that she came to the meetings when they came.

Clara was very helpful in giving all she could about the family history. We all enjoyed seeing her each year.

ROBERT CHAMPION (SON OF PAUL) 2003 76 YEARS OLD

Robert was the father of ~~Five~~ children and was a good family man. He saw that his children made it out into the world.

He was an industrial arts teacher in woodworking and printing for over thirty years. When he retired he liked working at a hardware store helping people with their problems. He liked to make craft projects in his home work shop.

Robert always came to the reunions a few days ahead so we could have a place for our meetings. He liked camping in the state parks with his family and his RV unit.

BRINDA CHAMPION JONES – DECEMER 3, 2001 – 40 YEARS OLD.

Daughter of Jerry Champion. She never came to the reunions.

Brinda lost her life in a car accident. I have no other information.

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time "to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.
A time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.
A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace; a time to love and a time for peace.
Also, that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour.
It is the gift of God.

Excerpts from Ecclesiastes.

INCONCLUSION

I hope I have gave you a report of the past 32 years, We can all be reasonable proud of the accomplishments we have made in our life time.

A chain is no stronger than it's weakest link, So you in the generations to come don't let that chain break that has held us together, and the champion reunions will survive in perpetuity.

I will always cherish the memories from all our reunions.

Tom E. Champion
Terre Haute, Indiana

Note. A big thanks goes to Joe (Champion) Fry for the photography
95 per.cent of the pictures were taken by him.

1970
THE INDIANA CHAMPION REUNION
THE TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA & ELWOOD, INDIANA
FAMILIES

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

The first meeting was held at the camp site with a camp fire going. It was a cool day. One might say this was our pioneer beginning.

We all talked about everything we could come up with. It was decided by all to start the reunion and meet once a year. The two families would take turns deciding where the meetings would be held.

Tom E. Champion of Terre Haute, Indiana put out a call to all Champions in Indiana to meet at Turkey Run State Park in Marshall, Indiana.

This was the second Sunday of September, 1970. Tom and Barbara Champion with son, Tommy, and daughter camped overnight in their RV.

Bob Champion of Elwood, Indiana camped with his family in their RV to pick a place for the meeting.

Names had to be printed on a tag and these were worn so as to see who each other was.

It was a fine Sunday and we got organized.

Those who came.

1980

The Following attended the 1970 Picnic
at the Turkey Run State Park

First meeting at the camp site
Tom Champion & Robert Champion
camped
Clayton, Doris Smith, Deane, Paula, Debbie
GENIE - Paula Dehbie
Nancy Whitnack
Fred & Mary Whitnack
Jim, Betty, Jimmy & Doug Champion
Tom & Barbara - Tommy & Janie
Champion

1971

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

The meeting was held in the shelter house north of the concession house.

A fire was made in the fireplace in the center of the house for warming up the food that everybody had brought in.

Tommy J. Champion went out into the woods to obtain the wood that was used for the fireplace. He kept the fire going.

After lunch everybody went on the trails and down to the creek and walked over the suspension bridge. This was fun for the kids.

After this we all came back together and had family talk. Plans were made for next year's meeting.

THOSE WHO CAME

Clayton, Doris Smith, Leanna,
Fred & Mary Whitnack
Jim, Betty, Jimmy & Doug Champion
Thomas E. Champion & Barbara Champion
Thomas S. Champion & Larice Champion
Esther Champion Lenty, Jerry Lenty
and Family
Robert & Evelyn Champion

1972

RICHARD LIEBER STATE PARK
PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

There were only five families to attend this reunion.

The shelter house was used. This being the first Sunday in September, the weather was great. There was lots of food and lots of talking.

Tom E. Champion, Terre Haute, Indiana brought his large circus parade wagon, which had a pipe organ inside which he had restored. Music was played for the families all afternoon.

This was a large undertaking for this event. The unit was donated to the Circus World Museum at Peru, Indiana by Tom and Barbara Champion.

THOSE WHO CAME

Shelter house
Had band wagon on display
with John Storer there
Doris, Clayton Paula, Jeanne Smith
Fred & Mary Whitbeck
Jim, Betty, Jimmy & Doug Champion
Thomas E. Champion & Barbara Ann Champion
Thomas S. Champion & Janice Champion

Tom Champion's Circus organ wagon



JUN • 78

1973

RICHARD LIEBER STATE PARK
PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

This was the second time the reunion was held at this park.

There were only six families to show up. We are still in the beginning stages for our meetings.

Thomas, James and Jim Champion got the fire started not only to warm up the food but to keep us warm.

I had put a call to brother, Joe, to come to his first reunion. Most of the family had never seen Joe. This was a great day for his mother, Elaine Champion, for she had not seen Joe in forty years.

Joe Charles Champion Fry was adopted and raised by the Fry family. He had come two hundred miles to be with us and to see his mother. What a joyous occasion it turned out to be. There were tears in some of our eyes.

Joe and his wife, Beth, brought Beth's father. He was a grand man. He said to me he had never seen so much corn growing in this state. He enjoyed meeting the Champion family.

THOSE WHO CAME

JOE Fry & Family First Time
Dori, Clayton Smith, Jeanne
Fred & Mary Whitcomb
Jim, Betty, Jimmy & Doug Champion
Thomas C. Champion & Barbara Champion
Leah S. Champion
Daniel Champion King & Jany King

Joe (Champion) Fry & his mother Elaine Champion



1973

1974

SHADES STATE PARK
WAVELAND, INDIANA

September 22, 1974

The reunion was starting to grow larger by this year. There were eight families attending with a total of twenty-eight members.

It was a cold day and a fire had to be built outside to keep warm. The sun was shining but there was no heat coming from it.

This was the first meeting for Phil & Phyllis Champion and all their family members. We were all happy to see the new members coming to the reunion.

We are starting to grow.

The Following ATTENDED The 1974 Picnic
AT The SHADE STATE PARK.

Fuller Morris
Jay Morris
Steve Morris
Susan Morris
Total 26

Clara Champion
Mary Whitcraft
Fred Whitcraft

Ethel Lente
Gerry Lente
Dorothy Lente
Jess Lente
Jill Lente

Betty Champion
Rick Champion

Bob Champion
Evelyn Champion
Patti Champion

Phil Champion
Phyllis Champion
Kim Champion
Daniel Champion
Jill Champion & Richard Champion

Jim Champion
Betty Champion
Dorcy Champion
Lou & Barbara Champion
SEPT 22, 1974
Champion Picnic held at The Shades
STATE Park.

1975



1975

RICHARD LIEBER STATE PARK
PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

Sunday, October 2nd

We went back to Lieber Park.

It was cold and had to build a fire again. Tables were moved out of the shelter house into the sun to keep warm.

It was decided at this meeting to have the reunions in early September in order to get away from the cold.

A great deal of food was prepared for all. We all had a great time. The meeting was cut short because of the cold.

It was decided to take turns by the two families to alter the places to have the reunions.

THOSE WHO CAME

Loris, Clayton Smith, Paula, Jeanne
Nancy Whitteack
Fred & Mary Whitteack
Jim, Betty, Jimmy & Doug
Thomas E. Champion & Barbara M. Champion
Thomas S. Champion
Janice & Mary King - Daughter &
Son in Law of Tom & Barbara
Champion

1976

MILLIGAN CITY PARK
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

First Sunday in September.

Mary Champion Whitenack choose this city as the Champion family had its roots here.
Our grandparents came here in the 1850's.

Thirty-seven members showed up; this being the largest number up to this time.

History of the family was discussed by Tom E. Champion. It was then decided to tour
the county to see the Champion farm places and the cemeteries.

The first stop was Oakhill Cemetery where our grandparents and their siblings are
resting. Then we went north to the Champion farm on the banks of the creek. After we
went north to the Sam Champion farm about three miles where they first came to the
county. Then we went to the Youngs Chaple Cemetery where Sam Champion, his wife
and son, Chester Champion, are resting. Then we went back to the park.

Everybody enjoyed the historical trip with Tom E. Champion as the guide.

THOSE WHO CAME

Clayton, Doris, Paula, Jeanne Smith
Nancy Whitenack
Fred & Mary Whitenack
Rudd E. Simpson
1907 Skinker Ave
Eure Haute Indiana
Clara Champion
Jon Lentz
Mr & Mrs ^{Steve} Morris
1105 So. 5th Clinton

Joe Fry
Eliza Beth, Elvira, Konrad
Kurt, Elise + Karl.
365 West Willow st Lombard Ill

Jim, Betty, Jimmy + Doug
Champion
Dick Champion

Jane & Esther Young
Jon & Jane Young
Jayne Young &
Lynn Young
Joe C. Yordick
Mother
Blaine Neal Champion
Thomas E. Champion + Barbara Ann
Champion
Thomas S. Champion



Barbara Ann Champion preparing the cakes
for the reunion

1977

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

First Sunday in September.

Here we are back to the starting place of the reunions.

Only four families showed up. All the others had other places to go so this cut us short.

Clara Champion, wife of Paul V., gave us a history lesson about the early days in Cicero, Indiana where she and Elaine Neal Champion were raised. Their teacher in high school was Claude C. Champion.

She talked about Paul making birdhouse kits to be sold in drug store chains during his retirement.

Fred Whitenack, husband of Mary Champion, said that he thought he was a Champion because he spent so much time at the Champion home in Elwood, Indiana.

THOSE WHO CAME

Thomas C. Champion + Barbara Ann
Champion
Thomas Samer Champion + Ronda
Champion
Bob + Evelyn Champion
Fred + Mary C. Champion (Whitenack)
Clara Champion



Mary (Champion) Whitenack & Fred Whitenack

1978

RICHARD LIEBER STATE PARK
PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

Tom and Barbara and son, Tommy, left Terre Haute, Indiana at 6:30 AM so as to get the shelter house for the Champion reunion. I was too late as there were people there who had spent the night in it.

I then became concerned as it was raining and there were no other shelters open. I had to start a fire for our iron bean pot and have the beans done by noon. Within an hour the shelter house was vacated and I at once lay claim to it.

I put up the Champion flag. Back then it was the policy of the first there took charge.

The fire was started under the pot, which was under a large maple tree. This helped keep the rain off. Henry "Jay" Morris, husband of Champion Morris, helped keep the fire going. He and Tommy went to the woods to obtain the wood that was needed. The fire was pulled down to obtain the right heat and set the fire at five hundred bubbles per minute for the next two and one-half hours. Then ten pounds of ham was put in to top it off for the next hour. Everybody enjoyed the beans and all took home containers of this great meal.

This was the first time that the Champion (bean meter) was used. Mary and Fred Whitenack couldn't get over the use of the meter to cook beans. The reason for this Fred said was that small town folks had never seen the likes of such a contraption and it was invented by a Champion. One must remember that when cooking beans it should be set at five hundred bubbles per minute.

This was a day of celebration for it was Tom and Barbara Champion's twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. A large two-tiered layer cake was the highlight with the anniversary song playing. A large hand was given to the couple.

THOSE WHO CAME
OVER SIDE



13. Dick & Betty Champion
14. Thomas P. Champion
15. Doris & Clayton Smith
Clara Champion
16. Jay & Ruth Morris
Susan E. Morris
17. Jerry & Mike Pardieck (Jury)
& Angela
18. Cathie M. Lentz
19. Jon Lentz
20. Tom E. & Barbara Dean Champion

The Following ATTENDED THE
1978 picnic AT LIBERTY STATE PARK

1. Elaine Neal Champion - J.H.
 2. James M. Champion
 3. James, Larry Jr. & Justin W. King
 4. Jack Lentz
 5. ^{Tom} Joe & Rhonda Champion
 6. Bob & Evelyn Champion
 7. Thomas Champion
 8. Bill & Pam Champion
 9. Fred & Mary (Champion) Whitman
 10. Clara Champion
 11. Doris and Clayton Smith
Subst. & Joanne
 12. Joe & Betty Fry (Champion)
- * Notes on back of book.



Jim, Joe, Tom, Elaine, Esther, Ruth, Dick

1979

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

September 1 - high noon

Here we are back to our first state park.

The meeting was held under the large shade trees. Tables had to be carried from other locations. As always there was more food than was needed.

Bob Champion, Elwood, Indiana showed some of his wood crafts.

The sun was out this afternoon and the kids played ball. The old timers sat and talked about every thing.

The meeting lasted until four p.m. We all said our goodbyes and headed back home.

THOSE WHO CAME

Bob + Evelyn Champion

Bill + Pam Champion

Patti Champion

Clara I. Champion

Ethel M. Lenter Champion

Joe Lenter

Joe E. Lenter

Jeri Gardnick

Melba Gardnick

Phil - Phyllis Champion + Rich

Clair N. Champion

Doris E. Dorn

Ruth Dorn

Mabel Dorn

Susan S. Dorn

Janis King Champion

Harry King Jr. 5 yrs.

Justin King 3 yrs.

Martha Burton Champion

Gene Burton

Christopher Burton

Diane Burton

David Burton, Jr.

Doris + Clayton Smith

115 Timber Lane 852-5437

Brownburg Ind 46112

Tom + Barbara Champion



Doris (Champion) Smith & Clayton Smith

1980

FOWLER PARK
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

This park is located eight miles south of Terre Haute, Indiana and is operated by the Vigo County Park Department.

Forty family members showed up; this being the largest group up to this time.

Tom E. cooked the beans again in the large iron kettle on an open fire using the Champion bean meter.

Most of the families toured the pioneer village. This village has twelve log cabins, all restored, a blacksmith shop, an operating gristmill, gunshop, carpenter shop and general store.

Tom put up his 20x20 tent for the dinner tables. Martha Champion Burton had a photographer come out to take a group picture.

Martha's family came the longest distance - 1200 miles from Orlando, Florida.

The weather was great.

Harry & Margie Champion & Marla
Balasir from Peoria, Ill.

Budd Morris, Susan, Steve Kathi,
Travis, Kevin, and Mabel Morris

Betty & Dick Champion

Bob & Evelyn Champion, Bill
Bob, Patto - Kathie

Tom & Barbara Champion
Joris - Larry & Justin King

Esther, Jon, Joe Dentz

Mary & Fred Whitenack

Clair N. Champion

Martha Burton - W. Park, Fla.
Gene & Chris

Loren Burton - Dallas, Tex.

Phil & Phyllis Champion
Rich, Bill, Kim
Cheryl

Clayton, Doris, Jeanne, Deborah,
Paula Smith
James M. Champion, Joan Doughty,
Sam, Chuck, Crip, James
Clara D. Champion
Fred & Ma

Fowler Park - 1980



Fowler Park Vigo County
Terre Haute, Indiana
1980

1981

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - September 1st

The day was started off by James M. Champion leading the way to the trail down to the creek to view the large walnut trees which are classed as the "monarchs of the forest". They are about one hundred feet tall.

All the rest sat around talking to each other about everything.

Tom E. gave the blessing for the meal. Everybody had brought something. Barbara made the ice cream mix. We used two mixers. The ice cream turned out very well.

The reunion broke up about 4:00 PM.

Fred and Mary Whittemore 1981
Phil & Evelyn Champion & Patti
Phil & Phyllis Champion - Jill - Richie
Clayton, Doris Smith
Ruth, Jay, Susan Spivey
Revin & Mabel Spivey
Clara J. Champion
Clair N. Champion
Jean Champion
Douglas Champion
Tom & Barbara Champion
Joseph C. FRY (Champion)
ELECTRA M. FRY CAME FROM
KARL JOSEPH FRY WEST OF CHICAGO
Bill & Kathi, & Noah Champion III.
Bob Champion, Jr.

1982

MILLIGAN CITY PARK
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

Sunday - August 8th

We went back to the county where our forebearers had their farm and homes for a number of years; this being the third generation.

The city had placed us in a low place in the park and it served us well.

Fred Whitenack, Tom and Barbara Champion made ice cream using the electricity at the shelter. Fred came with a large watermelon and it was a fine one.

Gene and Martha Champion Burton came from Winter Park, Florida and the rest of her family came from Birmingham, Alabama.

Mary Whitenack
Sgt. Whitenack
Barb Whitenack & Lesly
Fred Whitenack
Jim & Joan Champion (Durain)
Doris & Clayton Smith
Phil & Phyllis & Richie Champion
Mrs. Elaine N. Champion
Gene & Martha Burton - Winter Park, Fla.
Christopher Burton
Tom & Barbara Champion
Jim & Mary
Debbie Kane & Jamar - Birmingham, Ala.



1983

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Last Sunday - August

The temperature got up to ninety-six degrees. It was just too hot for everybody. The shelter house was in a low place and it was a little cooler there.

Tom E. Champion gave everybody a jar of honey from his beekeeping operation.

A letter was given to all to help get a book started about the family

Joe Beth Karp (FLY) and Deborah
Dick & Beth, 140 N 36th Street
me + Mrs Thomas Champion
Justin King
James M Champion
Phil & Phyllis Champion, J. I. Richard
BOB & EVELYN CHAMPION, BOB, PATIIII, LINDA
Bill & KATHI CHAMPION, NOAH, RACHEL
Joe & Mike Darduch Angela Jaxon
Doris & Clayton Smith
Gladys N. Champion



1984

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - August 1st

James M. Champion was the first one at the park. He obtained a place for our meeting. Robert Champion and some of his family stayed overnight in the camping area. They got everything ready for the rest.

The two grandmothers were unable to attend this year. Aging is setting in on the last two of the fourth generation.

The pitch-in dinner was very good. All the families' mothers did a great job. There is always too much food.

Ice cream was made using Barbara's recipe

Jim M. Champion took us on a trail through the woods. It was very interesting.

Elaine Neal Champion passed on this year. She was the mother of nine children. All were raised in Terre Haute, Indiana with the exception of Joe who was adopted by the Fry family and raised in Villia Park, Illinois.

Elaine Neal Champion was born in 1901 in Cicero, Indiana. She married Claude C. Champion in 1920. She is buried in Rose Lawn Cemetery and Claude Champion is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Elaine N. Champion
Ruth (Champion) Snodgrass
Henry (Ray) Snodgrass
E. M. Snodgrass
Bob & Coby (Champion) 721-4271
James M. Champion 232-7004
Doug (Jim Paul) Champion 712-285-7071
Mike, Jan, Angela & Jason Bardiuk
Thomas E. Champion & Barbara D. Champion



Mary, Robert, Doris Champion

Mother Clair Champion



1985

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - August 18th

It was a great day with eighty degree temperature. A fine breeze was moving all the leaves in the woods. The sound from it was like a harmony of sound from a symphony orchestra.

Joe Charles Champion Fry and his son, Karl, came from Lombard, Illinois. This is east of Chicago, Illinois. They set up a TV camera and took pictures of everybody.

The first lawn dart contest was held between two families. The Elwood, Indiana team was brothers, Bill and Tom Champion, sons of Bob and Evelyn. The Terre Haute, Indiana team was Tom E. Champion and Jay Morris, husband of Ruth Champion. The Elwood, Indiana team won the contest and took home the trophy.

Joseph C. Fry
Karl Fry
James M. Champion
Thomas E. Champion
Larry King
Justin King
Donald P. Champion
Thomas P. Champion
Betty & Rick Champion
Belle Evelyn Champion
Jayce Champion
Doris Smith
Paula Smith
Clayton Smith
Debbie Smith
Fred & Mary Whitman
* Clara & Champion
Bill & Kathie Champion, Noah, Rachel, L.



Barbara Ann Champion

Tom E. Champion

1986

TURKEY RUN STATE PART
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Last Sunday - August

Thirty-five family members showed up this time.

There was lots of food and lots of talk.

Tom talked about the history of the family which came to Indiana in 1818. He stated that he is researching the New Jersey records where the Constant Champion family came from.

A lawn dart game was held and everybody had a great time with it.

Jay Morris got in all the sporting events that were held.

1 Joe FRY, Lombard, Ill.
I came with Beth, - 150 miles
Doris & Clayton Smith
115 Timber Lane
Brownsburg IN 46112
Fred & Mary Whelan
Ben & Nancy Schwine - Nathan, Gabriel
Clara L. Champion
Bel, Kacie, Noah, Rachel, Leah, Sarah Champion
13857 Adios Pass, Carmel, Indiana, 46032
Phil, Phyllis, Rick Champion
Bob & Evelyn Champion
719 W. Madison
Alexandria, IN 46001

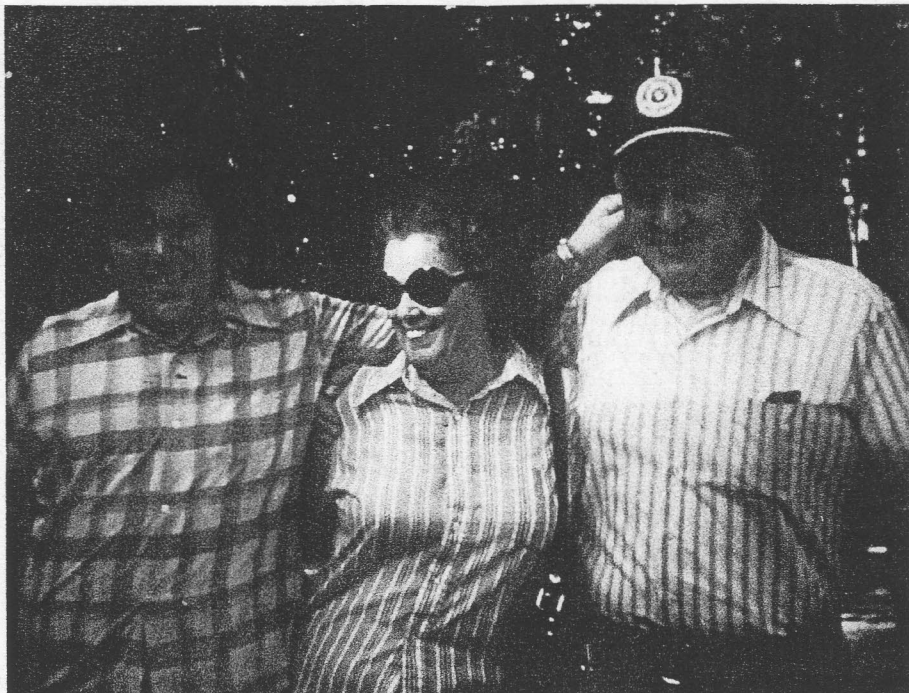
Esther (Champion) Lentz Family



Jon Lentz

Jerri Elaine Jane, Esther

Jac



Jon Lentz

Esther(Champion)Lentz Jerry Lentz

1987

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - first in September

Bob and Evelyn Champion stayed over Saturday night so as to obtain a good shady place in the park for the reunion. Sometimes you have to make a fast move to get a place in the shade or a shelter if it looks like it might rain. Up to this point we haven't had any rain that amounted to anything.

The food was great and there was lots of it.

We had a lawn dart contest and the Elwood Champions took the prize home again. Those young Elwood boys are hard to beat.

Fred and Mary Whitenack attended their last reunion. They were always great fun to be with.

1987

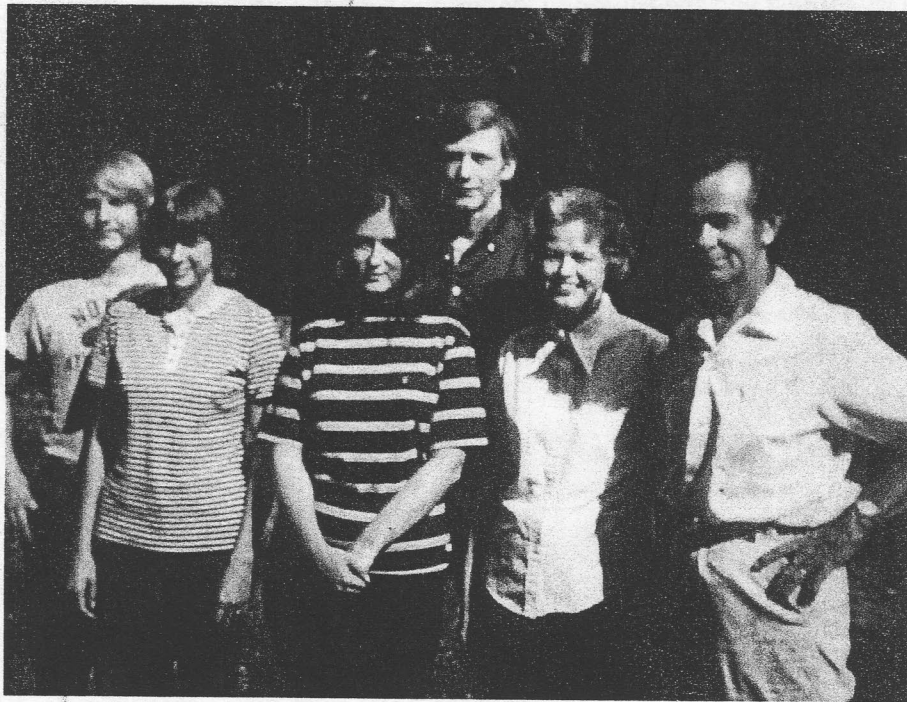
Betty & Dick Champion
Lighthouse Point, Fla
Tom & Barbara Champion
Clayton & Doris Smith
Kim & Mark Copeland
Bob Champion
Mary & Fred Whitenack
Phil & Phyllis Rich Champion
Ben, Nancy, Nathan, Gabriel & Alexandra Richukero
Bob & Evelyn Champion & Bob
James & Jean Champion
Jon Dentz
Nemas & Ida Champion
Jayne Dentz
Esther Dentz

Jay & Ruth Morris
N. Terre Haute, Ind.

Jon Dentz
Tom & Barbara Champion J.H. Dent
Bob and Linda Champion
Kim & Mark Copeland James Cole
Jayne Dentz
The lawn dart game was played
by all and had a great time.

Jay Morris always gotten all the
sporting events that we had

Dick & Betty Champion Family



Brian

Cariol

Betty

Dick

1988

MILLIGAN CITY PARK
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

Sunday - September 18th

This reunion was dedicated to the memory of our beloved couple, Fred and Mary Champion Whitenack.

The untimely death of this couple happened in an automobile accident on Highway 37, south of Elwood, Indiana, when a truck came over on their side of the road and there was a head-on collision.

They were the first family members to lose their lives in an automobile accident.

This was a very low-key meeting as this was a great loss to everybody. These two people will be in our memories forever.

This year was a "watermelon" day. We all ate the watermelon in the old field harvest style. No forks = just hand-to-mouth style.

1988

Champion Family Picnic

MILLIGAN PARK, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.
SEPT 18.

This Family Reunion is
dedicated to Fred & Mary
Whitenack

Those in Attendance

1. Tom C. Champion

2. Bob & Evelyn Champion & Bob, Jr.

3. James M. Champion

4. Wm C. & Ruth Champion & Kids (Noah, Rachel,
Lem, Susan, Grace, ?)

5. Jon Lentz

6. Esther M. Lentz

7. Ruth Morris

8. Henry (Jay) Szorin

9. Steve & Kathy Morris (Francis Allegan)

Jay & Ruth Morris & P
Terre Haute, Ind.

Jon Lentz

Tom & Barbara Champion & H. Dent
Bob and Linda Champion
Kim & Mark Copeland & James Cole
Jon Lentz

1989

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - September 17th

Twenty-two members showed up for the reunion.

This was the first meeting of Dr. John Champion from the Elwood, Indiana family. He enjoyed every minute of meeting with all the family members. He came from Florida.

Everybody walked the trails.

Tom stayed behind to meet with Aunt Clara. They talked about Grandma Iola Champion and her marriage to Grant Layton of Pontomac, Illinois. Stepgrandfather operated a general store in that town. Grandma Champion died in 1945 and Grant Layton died in 1953. They are buried in Pontomac, Illinois.

- 1 John P. Champion
- 2
- 3 Clara J. Champion
- 4 Phil & Phyllis Champion
- 5 Bill & Kathie & Children (Wood, Ketchel, Leah, Sarah, Bruce, Mary)
- 6 Ruth & Fay Morris
- 7 Clara M. Champion
- 8 Don Smith
- 9 Larry King
- 10 Steve & Betty Travis Megan Morris
- 11 Davis & Clayton Smith
- 12 Jim & Mike Parduck Angela Fuson
- 13 Bob & Louise Champion
- 14 Esther M. Gantz
- 15 Gayne Gantz
- 16 F. C. & F. J. King
- 17 James M. Champion
- 18 Randy & Patti Carthorn & family
- 19 Chris, Larry, Justin King
- 20 Robert King Jr. - Sherice Bryon
- 21 Douglas P. Champion
- 22 James E. Champion



Bob Champion Patty Champion Evelyn Champion



Dr. John Champion

1990

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - September 23rd

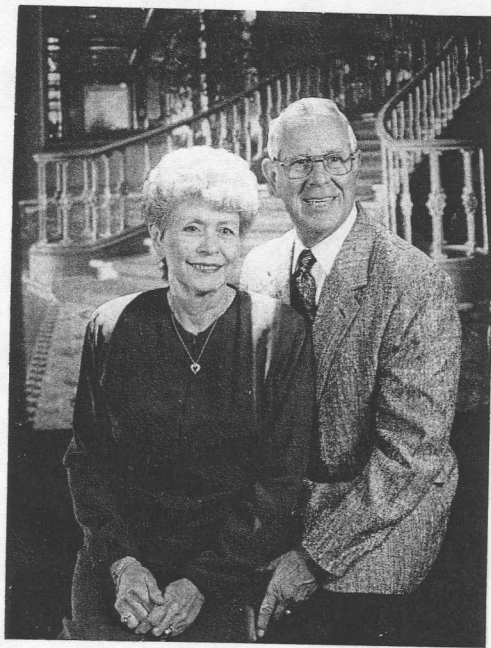
There were only eleven members present. I guess all the others had other places to go but the old gang always shows up.

There was a great variety of food prepared by all.

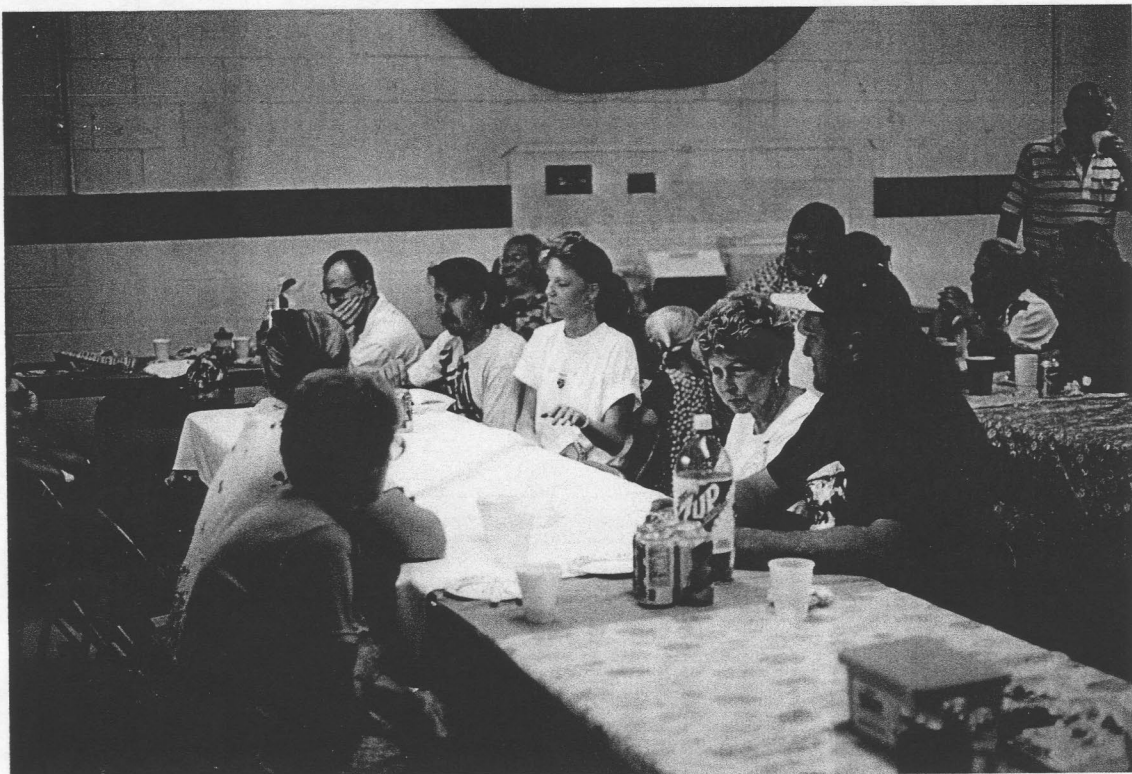
There was a lot of walking and talking. In general, everybody had a good time.

After the meeting was over we all said our goodbyes. This is always hard to do and we hope and pray we can all come back again in 1991.

1. Tom & Barbara Champion T.H.
2. Ron & Chae - ALEXANDRIA
3. Randy & Patty Cawthorne - FRANKTON
4. Bob & Evelyn Champion - Alexandria
5. Esther M. Lente - Plainfield, IN
6. Mike & Gerry Pardue, Angela & Gabe GREENWOOD, IN
7. James M. Champion & Delores T.H.
8. Mary & Dennis & Dennis & Mary Hepworth
9. Pop Lente
10. James Lente (T.H.)
11. (Bill & KATHE) Champion, Noah, Rachel, Leah, Sarah, Grace, Mary



Deloris & James Champion



1991

MOUND STATE PARK
ANDERSON, INDIANA

Sunday - August 25th

There were thirty members present. This was our first meeting at Mound State Park. It was arranged by Bob Champion. This family stayed overnight to keep a place for our meeting.

This was also the first meeting for a new member of the family, Ida Champion, wife of Thomas J. Champion of Terre Haute, Indiana. She said that she was impressed with the Champion reunion and planned to attend future meetings.

This park did not have much to offer but it was something different.

1. Tom E. & Barbara Champion
2. Clayton, Doris, Jeanne Smith & Debbie & Anne Latz
3. Bob, Delma & Bob Jr, Tom
4. Bill & KATHE Champion, Noah, Rachel, Leah,
Linda, Grace, Mary, Ada
5. Phil & Phyllis Champion
6. Randy & Rette Cawthon, Amber & Travis
7. Douglas P. Champion & Dianne Hepworth
8. James M. Champion & Dolores Stephens
9. Thomas G. & Ida Champion



Doris, ?Bob, Clayton, Phil Champions

1992

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday – August 16th

We are back in old Turkey Run State Park. It has been about the best place to hold the reunions.

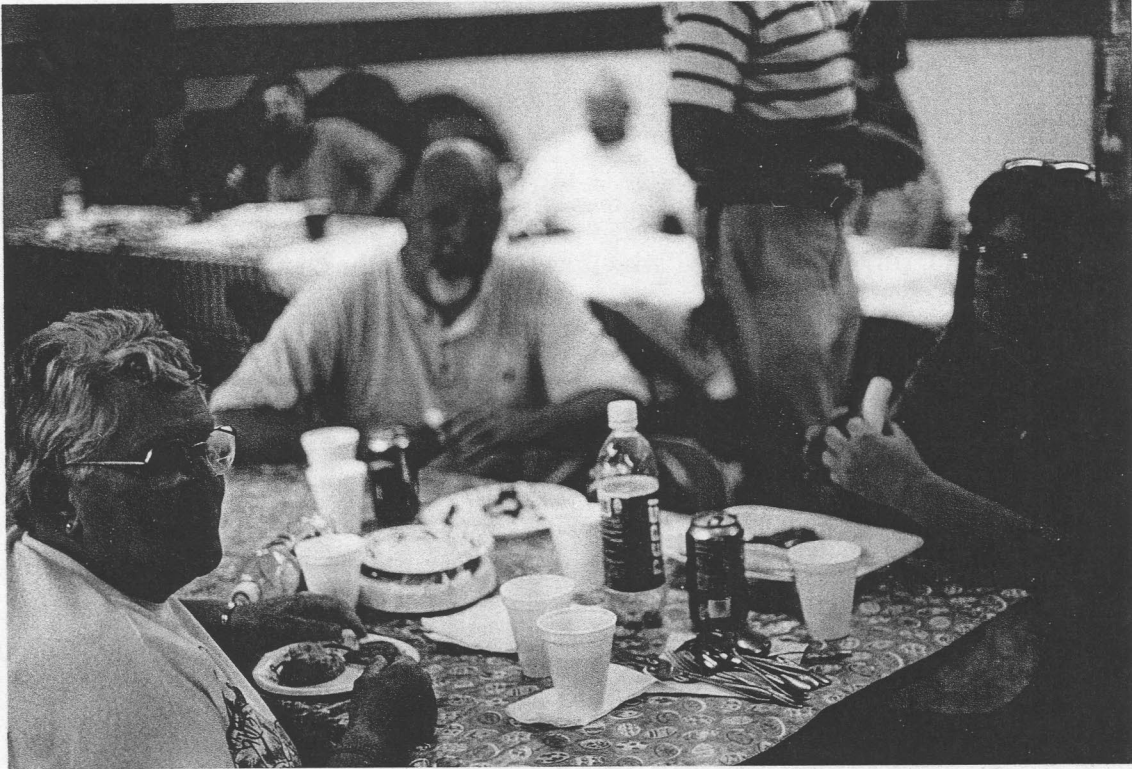
The Champion Coat of Arms flag was presented by Tom E. Champion. This flag he had made and given to family members.

Since we have had so many reunions at this park, it was suggested by some that a flag be given to the park as an appreciation gift for having so many years at the park.

1 Tom & Barbara Champion
2 Bob & Evelyn Champion
3 Phil & Phyllis Champion
4 Jay & Ruth (Champion) Morris
5 Bill & Jane Champion
6 Thomas & FDR Champion
7 Doug Champion & Diane H. H. & Jimmy
8 Jane M. Champion & Valene Stephenson
9 Randy & Lita Cauthorn, Todd, Amber, Travis
10



Bill & Kathy Champions Family



Evelyn Champion Mother, Bill,

Kathy

The Bill & Kathy Champions girls



1993

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - August 3rd

We got there early so as to get a good place in the shade. It was a hot August day and a lot of water, pop and iced tea was consumed.

The ladies got the tables ready for the feast for the twenty-eight members that showed up.

The kids went on the trails with James M. Champion as their guide. He told the kids how the park got its name. The Indians and the pioneers used to run the wild turkeys into the low ravines while hunting. They were easy to catch.

Everybody had a great time.

Those Who Came		City/Line
1	Tom E. & Barbara Champion	T.H. 5
2	Randy & [unclear]	Frank 6
3	Bill & Kathleen [unclear]	Carmel 10
4	Douglas P. Champion + DIANNE/JIMMY HEWORTH	T. Haute 6
5	RICHARD & BETTY Champion	Lighthouse 4
6	JAMES M. CHAMPION + [unclear]	T. Haute 5
7	Phil & Phyllis Chappis	5
8	Kim & Mark Copeland	6
9	Bob & Evelyn Champion	5
10	James E. Champion, James P. [unclear]	TH 5
11	Harry & Gorigia Champion	



1994

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday - August 3rd

There were no campers this time. Tom and Barbara Champion came early to lay claim to a place under a grove of ash trees, across from the horse barns. The spot was great but the smell was not too good.

This year we lost another member, Henry "Jay" Morris, husband of Ruth Champion. He will be missed as he always liked to get any sports activities in operation. He enjoyed talking about his fishing activities. He was a great guy to be with.

Barbara brought her new Yorkshire terrier dog, Boomer. Bill Champion's girls had a great time with him.

The men talked about their retirement and the ladies talked about their families.

The next family reunion will be held at Thorntown, Indiana in the city park. We will visit the Cason Cemetery where our pioneer great, great grandparents are resting.

	CITY	No
Tom Champion & Barbara	T.H.	2
Doug Champion & Dianne	T.H.	2
James Champion & Jimmy & Joey	T.H.	3
Joe Smith	P. Field	1
Ruth Morris	T.H.	1
Susan Morris	Indpls	1
Bob & Evelyn Champion	Alex	2
Esther M. Dantz		1
Amber Cantelero	Franklin	1
Billy, Kathy, Mark, Rachel, Leah	Champion	10
Sarah, Grace, Mary, Adam, Samuel	Champion	10
Bob Champion (Indpls)		1
Tom Champion (Franklin)		1
James Morris Family (4)	T.H.	4



1995

THORNTOWN CITY PART
THORNTOWN, INDIANA

September 17th

This was the first meeting in Boone County where our family built their log cabin in 1832. We had a fine shelter but the weather turned cold and windy.

Bill Champion (son of Jim M. Champion) and Tom Champion (son of Claude Champion) went to the cemetery to check on the condition of the markers and to see if the grass had been cut.

James E. Champion (son of Jim M. Champion) helped me put up the sign that he made. This was placed at the spot where Constant Champion and his family raised their cabin to start a new life.

Tom E. Champion talked about the first Champions to come to Boone County as pioneers. He showed a layout of their route from New Jersey.

Bob Gillian, Boone County historian, gave a history of the county. It lasted two hours

Barbara Champion gave a history of quilting, which the pioneers did. This lasted one hour.

We all got in our cars and went to the cabin site and then to the grave site. The cemetery is eighty rods back from the county road. A picture was taken at the cemetery entrance of the group.

All family members received a Champion flag that had been made by Barbara Champion.

Everybody had an enjoyable day.

ThornTown city Park
ThornTown, Indiana.
Champion Family History by
Tom E Champion

1. Douglas Paul Champion & Diana Heavilly
2. James M Champion & Dolores Stephens
3. Patricia Champion Carthon Amber
Thane
Aaron
4. Bob Champion
5. Evelyn Champion
6. Clayton Smith
7. Doris Smith Champion
8. Kim
9. Phil & Phyllis Champion
10. Paul & Suzanne
11. Esther M. Dent
12. James J & James L Champion
13. Jon Dent
14. Sam & Barbara Champion
15. Bonnie Champion (Dag)
16. Bill with Champion Clark



Family members going
to the pioneer cemet-
ery.



The path back to
cemetery is 80
rods back.



1996

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK
MARSHALL, INDIANA

Sunday – September 8th

The weather was hot and humid. We had to get under shade trees.

Doris and Clayton Smith were first to arrive. They picked the spot. Tom and Barbara Champion put up the family flag. Clayton and Tom had to move some tables from another site. The family members started arriving by noon.

Janice (Champion) King helped with the food.

The Jack Lentz family (son of Esther Champion) came from Michigan.

We were going to play bingo but it was too hot and sticky to do anything. Ruth (Champion) Morris brought her handicrafts to show. They looked great. Everybody had a great time.

Tommy and Ida Champion (son of Tom E.) announced that a new Champion was on its way in November. It will be the seventh generation.

We all said our goodbyes and left for our homes.

Those who ATTENDED

- 1 Tom + Barbara Champion
- 2 Phil + Phyllis Champion
- 3 Bob + Evelyn Champion
- 4 Kurt King
- 5 Joe + Beth Fry
- 6 Clayton L. + Doris E. Smith
- 7 Jerry + Mike Parduck
- 8 Doris Parduck
- 9 Angela Sprague
- 10 Esther M. Lentz
- 11 Jan King
- 12 Thomas + Ida Champion

Tom & Barbara Champion Family



Tom E. Dad, Barbara, mom, Tom J. Janice Kim

The Constant Champion pioneer wagon



Converted into a huckster wagon by William P. Champion
went to Crawsville, In. to peddle his fruit & Vegetables

1997

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

September 28th

This was the first meeting in the Lions Club building.

This was the first meeting for Scott Champion (son of John). The family came from Cincinnati, Ohio.

A new Champion couple was added to our small family. James and Dolores were married this year.

The kids played baseball and went to the playgrounds with the small ones.

Tom set up a picture display from his collection of the Champion family dating back to 1775.

The sign that was placed at the Champion cabin site was taken down and placed in the Thorntown museum for safe keeping.

1. Joyce Champion - #2020
(please send
-a copy of history) 508 Green Oaks Circle
Arlington TX 76006
James -
2. Bob & Evelyn Champion
3. Jeanne Smith 3234 Occanline East Dr.
Indpls IN 46201
4. Jim & Debbie Ratz, Carol Khushf
3535 Burk Rd. Indpls IN 46217
- Phil & Phyllis Champion
Tom & Barbara Champion
5. SCOTT & ALCIA CHAMPION
HARLEY E. CHAMPION
7821 E VILLAGE DRIVE
CINCINNATI OH 45242 Son & Son
6. James & Champion
603 Parkview Rd. INDIANAPOLIS
Terrell & Barbara Indpls IN 46201
7. Joyce Kentz / Pat Hopkins
8651 Creek Hill Ln
Indpls IN 46236

8 Doris & Clayton Smith 1947

Daughter Paula, Charlie Hintz
Daughter Deborah, Jim Raty
with Annie 5 years

Kristie 4 years

Daughter Jeanne with Richard
Hogenschiefel

Tom E. Champion & Barbara Ann
Champion

Dr John Champion & his son Scott



1998

BROWNSBURG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - September 27th

There was a great turn-out for this meeting. Fifty-five family members showed up. This was the largest turn-out since the reunion started in 1970.

There was so much food that some had to be taken home.

Little Thomas Fredrick Champion, two years old, played train and lined up the chairs and seated eight for his train ride.

We all have been watching Bill and Kathe Champions' kids grow up. It won't be long before they will have families of their own.

Everybody had a great time and as, always, there was lots of talking.

Joe & Barb (Champions)
Doug & Barbara Champion
Douglas P Champion & Dianne Hepworth
James M & Doreen Champion
James & Champion & Eugene
Kathy & Mike
Jeri & Mike Pardieck
Angela & Alex Spangle
Jon Dent
Clinton, Ann, Paula, Ken, Tygo and Charlie,
Deborah, Anne, Khristie, Jim Ratz,
Jeanne with Richard Hoogenboom, Lois,
Janette & Champion
Jeanne Smith, Richard Hoogenboom
Charles & Paula Heintz Doris Champion's (sister)
7027 Thousand Oaks Lane
Indianapolis IN 46214
(317) 318-0832

Thomas & Jean Champion & Thomas
7818 N CC Rd 200
Brazil IN 47234
(317) 318-0832

Bob & Evelyn Champion
Tom Champion
Bob Champion Jr.
Patricia Irene Champion Cawthorn
Amber Irene Cawthorn
Travis Robert Cawthorn
Aaron Michael Cawthorn
Susan Elaine (Morris) Skelton

STEVE MORRIS
KATHY MORRIS
MEGAN MORRIS (UMBELISURONGON)
(CHART)

SCOTT A. CHAMPION
ALYCIA A. CHAMPION
HARLEY EMMA CHAMPION

Rev. "Bug" Sam B. Champion
& Angela Champion

Ruth S. Johnson

John Champion - Joan & Champion
Bill & Kathe Champion

Joe & Beth Fry



1999

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - August 29th

This was another great turn-out - forty-six in all.

Joe said the grace. The food line was forty-six people long so it took a little while to get served. As always there was lots of food and all well done.

The kids had a great time playing the carnival games - pitch until you win and pop toss where they had to go through hoops over large pop bottles.

Tom, Joe, Kirk and Beth took time out to go to check out the pioneer cemetery at Thorntown. The grass had been cut but the fence row needed attention. We will contact the township trustee about it.

It is always a great feeling to see so many at the reunions. It shows that they all care about the family.

Phil & Phyllis Champion
9395 N-SR 37
Elwood, In 46031

Thomas Semic Champion & Ida &
Thomas Fredrick Champion - son 3 yrs

Every body had a good time. Lots
of talking.

Kids played the pitch-till-you
win game. reward was (pop)

Joe said the grace.

Tom C. & Tom S. son & Joe Kirk
Beth & Kirk had fried potatoes
to the Champion graves at
Thorntown.
Found that grass was cut, but
the fence row needs attention.

Great Turn out,

Ruth E. Morris

August 29, 1999

Brownsberg City Park.

1 Tom C. Champion
Beth, Joe, Kirk and Ellen Fry
wife Champion

DORIS E. CLAYTON SMITH

115 TIMBER LANE, BROWNSBURG, IN 46112

Bob & Evelyn Champion
~~Champion~~
Amber Cawthron

Joe & Beth Fry & Elias Kelyush
365 W. Willow St. Kurt Fry
Lombard Ill

James & Dolores Champion
603 Parkview Rd.
Terre Haute, In. 47803

James & Eunice Champion
305 N 23rd St.
Terre Haute, In. 47807

Jim & Judy JAC LENTE
8887 Pleasant Ln Dr.
BRIGHTON, ME 48116

2000

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - September 24th

There were twenty-eight that showed this year. This was down about half from last year's great showing.

It was cold and rainy most of the day.

Tom said the grace. Everybody headed for the serving table where there was a great abundance of food ready for all.

Tom talked about his fifty years of marriage to his wife, Barbara, and read an anniversary card.

Joe couldn't make it because of health problems. Tom played a recording of Joe's music

2000

SEPTEMBER 24 - Brownsberg, Indiana
City Park.

Tom & Barbara Champion T.H., In.

Bob & Evelyn Champion - also in

Pat Cawehorn - Frankton

Amber, Travis, Aaron, Travis

Tom IOA & Thomas Champion Brazil

Oris & Clayton Smith

Bob & Kathleen Champion & children

John & Jeanette Champion

Scott, Alycia, Hayley & Max Champion

Phil, Phyllis Champion

Rich and Monica Champion

Jan Lentz

Esther M. Lentz

Paula & Charles Heintze

IT WAS A COLD & RAINY WE HAD ABOUT HALF
AS MANY SHOWERS.

Tom & Barbara said the grace, And everybody
enjoyed each others company.

Tom talked about his 50 year anniversary
and read a card from his wife, he also
explained why Joe Champion Fry couldn't
make it.

Tom played a recording of Joe's music
GAVE 7 recording TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS
THE FAMILY ALL SIGN THE PLAGE TO SOC FOR HIS

Esther M. Lentz

Paula Heintze

7027 Thousand Oaks Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46214

Jayne Lentz, Pat Hopkins
8651 Chubbwood Ln
Indpls, IN 46236

William & Kathleen Champion

Rachel, Leah, Sarah, Grace, Mary, Adam, E.

Samuel Champion

HCR 60 Box 183

Magnet, IN 47520

John and Jeanette Champion Fla

Scott, Alycia, Hayley, Emma & Max Champ

9387 Sakaro Dr

Cincinnati, OH 45255

Jim Pardue

935 Bush Dr

Greenwood, IN 46142

Matt & Angela Spangle Alex & Phil

27 Medina Ln
Indpls IN 46227

2001

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - September 16th

Thirty-two members came to the reunion this year.

Bill and Kathe Champion had all their kids there. Also, Patricia (Champion) Cawthorn had her three kids there. We all are watching them grow and they all look great.

Bob Champion's boys, Bob and Tom, are still bachelors. Also, Joe's three boys are still bachelors. What's the hold-up fellows?

As always we all had a great time.

Jim & Jimmy Champion T.H. Jr.,
Douglas Champion & Dianne Hysworth T.H., IN.
James & Dolores (Champion Tom) back h.
Patricia Irene (Champion) Cawthorn
Amber Irene Cawthorn
Aaron Michael Cawthorn
Taylor Marie Cawthorn

Robert J. CHAMPION JR.

Thomas P. Champion
Joseph C. Fry

Bob & Evelyn Champion
Ed & Sue M. Hentz
Jon Lentz
Paula Hentz

Lois (Champion) & Clayton Smith

Joseph Champion Fry, Beth & Kurt
Bill & Kathe, Leah, Sarah, Grace Mary,
Adam, Sam Champion - Wes Allen (Sarah's
boyfriend)

Thomas E. Champion T.H. Ind.

2002

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday – September 22nd

It was a beautiful day – cool and some rain.

There were thirty-three members present. This was about the same as last year.

The meeting was opened by everybody present rising and giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

In my address to the group I stated that thirty-two years have passed since we first came together. The two Champion families from Elwood, Indiana and Terre Haute, Indiana, where the families had their beginning from Paul and Clara and Claude and Elaine Champion.

I talked about our first meeting in 1970 at Turkey Run State Park. We started with sixteen members and it has grown to a high of fifty-five members. This chain of events, to this day, has never been broken and it shows that the family members do care about each other.

I talked about the nation's tragedy in New York City.

I also talked about my father, Claude, being called back to the C&EI railroad shops to help build the stream line steam engine in 1940.

James Edward Champion and I went to the cemetery at Thorntown to check on the condition. A new bridge had been put in place but they have been lax in the grass cutting. A report of our findings was forwarded to the township trustee.

Thomas Fredick Champion, my grandson who is six years old, signed the book for the first time. I hope that he will someday help keep the family reunion going.

Noel and Molly Champion is our new Champion couple. We all hope they have a great life together.

In conclusion – I hope that I have given you a report of the past thirty-two years. We can all be justly proud of accomplishments we have made in our lifetime.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link so you in the generations to come must not let the chain break that has held us together. The Champion reunions will survive.

I will always cherish the memories from all our reunions.

Tom E. Champion
Family Historian

SEPT 3rd Sunday 2002

Brownsburg City PARKS

- 1 Jan C. Champion T.H. Ind T.H.
- 2 Douglas P. Champion & Dianne Hepworth T.H., IN. T.H.
- 3 Bob & Evelyn Champion A/H
- 4 Bob Champion A/H ELW
- 5 Pat Cawthorn - Amber, Aaron, Taylor. ELW
- 6 Noah Champion - Molly A/H. EL
- 7 Jim & Dolores Champion T.H.
- 8 Hannah King T.H.
- 9
- 10 THOMAS Champion ^{5 year old} 02 T.H.
- 11
- 12 Barbara Champion T.H.
- 13 Bill Champion ELW
- 14 Leah Champion ELW
15. Adam Champion ELW
16. Samuel Champion ELW
- 17 Patricia Irene (Champion) Cawthorn ELW
- 18 ~~Amber & Aaron Cawthorn~~ ELW
- 19 Aaron Michael Cawthorn ELW
- 20 Taylor Marie Cawthorn ELW
- 21 Phil & Phyllis Champion ELW
- 22 Charles & Paula Hinkley ELW
- 23 Joyce Champion A/H EL
- 24 Rachel Champion
25. Sohn Champion ELW
26. Dorset Clayton Smith ELW
- 27.

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - September 21st.

We were blessed with a beautiful day, family members started coming in at 10;a.m. Phillis Champion & Doeis Champion Smith had a sheet cake made with the words(Champion Reunion 2003,it was a beauty.

Tom & Barbara Champion made ice cream outside in a machine and it turned out great, Esther Champion lentz served the ice cream to all, and to the last dip.

We all said the pledge allegiance to the flag, and Harry Champion lead the blessing and did a great job.

After the meal a meeting was called to order by Tom E. Champion, The first order of business .Was to call Joe Champion Fry to the speakers stand and he was presented the Champion certification of appreciation award for his attendance and furnishing all the pictures for our reunion history book.

Our reunion book showed this being our 33 year of reunions, History book report. Tom related about the book he put together and had printed for all of the members. Every body had a great time.

James M + Dolores Champion
Bill, Kate, Adam, Sam Champion
Grace Champion
Sarah Champion
Mary Champion
Clayton and Doie Champion Smith
Paula and Charles Hernty
Scott, Albia, Hayley, Max + Skylar Champion
Joe + Beth Fry
Kurt Fry
Janis Fry (Champion)
Hannah Justin King
Jerry Champion
Gregg Champion
Rev. Harry B. Champion
Monica Champion
Leah Champion

19 Robert J. Champion
20 Ruth "Champion" Morris
Susan "Morris" Skelton
Esther M. Lentz
Jon Lentz
Phil + Phyllis Champion
Tom E. + Barbara Champion
Tom S. + Thana F. Champion

CHAMPIONS of INDIANA



Talking time



Tom E. Tom J. Champion
Mom Barbara Champion

Jims Wife Delores Champion
Janice Champion King

Front roll Esther Champion Lentz & Family



Back roll Bill Champions Girls with uncle Robert Champion



Back roll Gregory & Jerry Champion- Kurt & Beth Fry
Front roll Harry Champion



Suzan Morris-Harry Champion-Delores & James Champion, Kathleen
Champion



Tom E. Champion

Kathleen & Bill Champion and their grils



Robert J Champion
and
Chatting with his nieces at the reunion

Claude & Elaine Champions family



CHAMPION SIBLINGS

Esther Champion Lentz

Ruth Champion Morris

Tom E. Champion

James M. Champion

Joe Champion Fry

Paul & Clair Champions family



2002

Robert Champion

Phill Champion

Doris Champion Smith

Dr. John Champion

2003

BROWNSBERG CITY PARK
BROWNSBERG, INDIANA

Sunday - September 21st.



Ruth (Champion) Morris & Henry(Jay) Morris

1 – CHAMPION, CONSTANT – was born in 1775 in New Jersey and died in 1845 in Boone County, Indiana.

He married between 1793 and 1822 to Elizabeth Ware, daughter of Jacob Ware and Letitia (surname unknown), born in 1777 in Ohio and died in 1856 in Boone County, Indiana.

Constant Champion and Elizabeth Ware had the following children:

A – CHAMPION, Isaac Newton – born August 8, 1802 in New Jersey and died in 1845 in Thorntown, Indiana. He married October 16, 1826 in Greene County, Ohio to Margaret Sophie VanEaton.

B – CHAMPION, Npehzipah – born May 21, 1804 in New Jersey

C – CHAMPION, Elenora – born October 4, 1806

D – CHAMPION, Sarah – born December 25, 1810

E – CHAMPION, Constant – born January 13, 1813

F – CHAMPION, Rachel – born April 25, 1815

G – CHAMPION, Ware R. – born February 10, 1817 in Gloucester County, New Jersey and died January 10, 1899 in Randolph County, Indiana. Married Ann Margaret Hartstock, daughter of George Hartstock and Elizabeth Cramer, born February, 1818 in Greene County, Ohio and died March 15, 1874 in Branch County, Michigan.

H – CHAMPION, Samuel – born November 14, 1819 in Boone County, Indiana and died in 1861 in Montgomery County, Indiana. Married Sara Clark.

2 – CHAMPION, Samuel – born November 14, 1819 in Boone County, Indiana and died in 1861 in Montgomery County, Indiana.

He married Sara Clark.

Samuel Champion and Sara Clark had the following children:

A – CHAMPION, Melton

B – CHAMPION, Willis

C – CHAMPION, Chester C.

D – CHAMPION, Jane – born in 1847

E – CHAMPION, Molly – born in 1847

F – CHAMPION, Allen – born 1851

G – CHAMPION, William Pinkerton – born in 1859

3 – CHAMPION, William Pinkerton - born in 1858 and died in 1931

Married Iola Britton.

William Pinkerton Champion and Iola Britton had the following children:

A – CHAMPION, Claude C

B – CHAMPION, Paul V. – born 1896 and died in 1957. Married Clara Faulstick.

a – Champion, John

b – Champion, Robert married Evelyn Fritz

c – Champion, Doris married Clayton Smith

d – Champion, Phillip married Phyliss Wann

e – Champion, Jerry Lee married ??? Retherford

f – Champion, Mary born February 24, 1929 and died June 3, 1998 married Fredrick Whitenack



C-Champion, Maude born 1898 and died in 1964, married Peter Gottschiling.

a-Gottschiling, Peter William

b-Gottschiling, Martha Jane

4-CHAMPION, Claude C—born in 1895 and died in 1951

Married Elaine Neal, daughter of Edward Neal and Mable Beall.

Claude C. Champion and Elaine Neal had the following children:

A—Champion, William Neal – married Barbara Rowell

B— Champion, Richard Lee – Elizabeth Ann Shetton

C—Champion, Ester Marie – married Jerome Lentz, born October 23, 1919 and died May, 1977

D— Champion, Thomas Evertt – married Barbara Ann Dickerson, born Oct. 6, 1930

E— Champion, Harry Banard – married Georgia A. Balasis, born March 16, 1934

F— Champion, Martha – married Gene Burton, born Aug. 27, 1931

G— Champion, Ruth – married Henry Morris, born Aug. 27, 1931

H— Champion, Joe – married Elizabeth Fochlka, born Aug. 11, 1933

I— Champion, James – married Elizabeth Ann Brown, born July 24, 1938

Continual Pedigree Chart



JOE CHAMPION FRY THE MUSIC MAN

